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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/31/2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-4, 6, 10-13, 15 and 24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Young et al. U.S. Patent no. 5,760,941.

Regarding claims 1, 10, 15 and 24, Young discloses an apparatus, comprising:

a multi-level symbol encoder 100 to receive display data and to generate multi-level symbols;

an optical link 82 coupled to the symbol encoder 100; and

a multi-level symbol decoder 130 coupled to the optical link 82 to receive the symbols and to re-create the display data.

Regarding claims 2 and 11, Young discloses wherein the symbol encoder and the symbol decoder as associated with at least one of: (i) multi-level amplitude symbols, (ii) multi-level phase symbols, and (iii) multi-level pulse width symbols (col. 25, lines 40-52)

Regarding claim 3, Young discloses wherein the optical link includes: a light source (Fig. 9, Optical source) coupled to the symbol encoder;

an optical waveguide 82 coupled to the light source; and

an optical receiver (photodetector 254, 256) coupled to the optical waveguide and to the symbol decoder.

Regarding claim 4, Young discloses wherein the light source is a laser diode (col. 25, line 12), the optical waveguide is a fiber optic cable 82, and the optical receiver (photodetector 254, 256) is a positive, intrinsic, negative diode.

Regarding claims 6, 12 and 13, Young discloses wherein the symbol encoder receives the display data from at least one of: (i) a processor, (ii) a chipset, (iii) a low voltage differential signaling interface, (iv) a graphics array interface, and (v) a digital video out interface (col. 10, lines 15-27).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 5, 7-9, 14, 16-23 and 25-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young et al. U.S. Patent no. 5,760,941 in view of Tani et al. U.S. Patent no. 5,793,031.

Regarding claims 7, 14, 16 and 22, Young does not specifically disclose the apparatus comprising a display device to receive the display data from the symbol

decoder. Tani, from the same field of endeavor, discloses in Figure 1, a symbol reading device comprising a display device 20 to receive the display data from the symbol decoder (col. 7, lines 43-47). At the time of the invention was made, it would have been obvious to an artisan to include the display device 20 taught by Tani in the apparatus of Young. One of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do that in order to monitor or read the image of the data symbol.

Regarding claims 8 and 20, Tani discloses wherein the display device comprises one of: (i) a liquid-crystal display device, (ii) a light-emitting diode display device, (iii) a gas-plasma display device, (iv) a cathode ray tube display device, (v) a field emission device, (vi) a flat panel device, and/or (vii) a passive transmissive device (col. 7, lines 43-47).

Regarding claim 5, Tani discloses an amplifier (Fig. 3, element 8) coupled between the optical receiver and the symbol decoder

Regarding claims 9 and 25-27, Tani discloses the symbol encoder is housed in a first portion of a mobile computer, the symbol decoder is housed in a second portion of the mobile computer, and the first and second portions are movably coupled (see Fig. 3).

Regarding claims 17-19, 21, Tani discloses in Figure 3, an apparatus, comprising: a first portion, the first portion housing:

a keyboard, a processor (e.g., computer 32), and a multi-level symbol encoder 31 to receive display data generated by the processor and to generate multi-level symbols; and

a second portion, the second portion housing: a multi-level symbol decoder to receive the symbols and to re-create the display data, and a display device 20 to receive the re-created display data

Regarding claim 23, Young discloses wherein the optical link includes: a light source (Fig. 9, Optical source) coupled to the symbol encoder;

an optical waveguide 82 coupled to the light source; and

an optical receiver (photodetector 254, 256) coupled to the optical waveguide and to the symbol decoder.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- a. Jarchi et al. U.S. Publication no. 2003/0106013. Architecture for multi symbol encoding and decoding
- b. Agazzi U.S. Patent no. 6,879,640. Method and apparatus for high speed transmission on fiber optic channel
- c. obakht U.S. Patent no. 6,009,120. Multi-dimensional combined equalizer and decoder

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dzung D Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-3025. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan, can be reached on (571) 272-3022. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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